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MANUFACTURING GEAR USED THEREFOR

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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JAPAN	2000-350235	11/16/00

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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